

Remarks

Claims 7 and 10 are canceled. Claims 1-4, 8, 11 and 15-19 are amended. Claims 20-30 are newly presented. Therefore, Claims 1-6, 8-9, and 11-30 are pending.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicants' admitted prior art of page 1 of the Specification, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,959,577 ("Fan"). As amended, Claims 1 and 17 recite:

1. (Currently amended) A messaging method comprising:

generating a message from a mobile device, the message having significance independent of reporting a geographical location of the mobile device; and

attaching to the message an automatically generated location stamp indicating the geographical location of the mobile device as an origin of the message.

17. (Currently amended) A system including a mobile device, comprising:

a transmitter;

a locating device which provides a geographical location of the mobile device;

an interface to an application program presented to a user to allow a user generate a message having significance independent of reporting a location of the mobile device; and

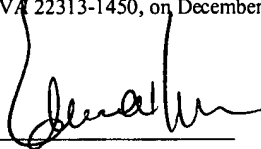
a control unit coupled to the transmitter, wherein for each message transmitted from the transmitter, the control unit receives the geographical location from the locating device and attaches a location stamp indicating the geographical location to the message.

The limitations of Claims 1 and 17 are believed neither disclosed nor suggested by the admitted prior art of by Fan. Thus, Claims 1 and 17 and their respective dependent Claims 2-

6, 8-9, 11-16 and 18-30 are believed allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

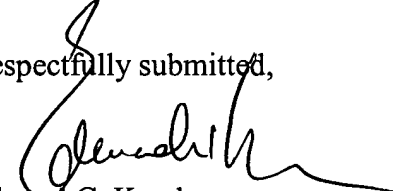
If the Examiner has any question regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant at 408-392-9250.

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